BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING MAY 7, 2015 MINUTES

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY MUNICIPAL CLERK DUGAN:

"IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, AND POSTED, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE SEVENTH DAY OF MAY, 2015, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE LAKEHURST COMMUNITY CENTER, 207 CENTER STREET, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED."

ROLL CALL:

ROBIN BUSCH: PRESENT GARY LOWE: PRESENT

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT

PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT

GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS:

WORK SESSION:

PROCLAMATION REGARDING ANNUAL "BUDDY POPPY" SALES BY VFW POST 10061 AND VISIT BY POPPY PRINCESS:

Poppy Princess Mackenzie Smith kick-off the annual "Buddy Poppy" sales after which Mayor Robbins read a proclamation presented by VFW Post 10061.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:36 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:36 p.m.

Council President Oglesby stated that after the funeral for former Lakehurst police officer Scott Thompson, a resident approached him with a donation of exercise equipment for use by the police department and other Borough employees. Mr. Oglesby added that he gave a preliminary "probable approval" and added that the details can be worked out.

Mayor Robbins suggested the use of the former fire house meeting room which once housed exercise equipment. Mayor Robbins added that the structural load of the space would need to be checked.

Councilwoman Busch stated that there is a "gas smell" in the kitchen of the community center.

Councilman Lowe stated that there appears to be a problem with the pilot light.

Municipal Clerk Dugan stated that she would ask Mr. Winton to obtain an estimate to fix the pilot light.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Robin Busch To approve minutes of April 16, 2015 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters to be considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. #15-096: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #15-097: Resolution re: Adjustment to Utility Account for Block 68; Lot 9
- 3. #15-098: Resolution re: Adjustment to Utility Account for Block 36; Lot 14
- 4. #15-099: Resolution re: Municipal Service Fee for Mobile Home Parks
- 5. #15-100: Resolution re: Raffle Licenses for Borough of Lakehurst Historical Society
- 6. #15-101: Resolution re: Raffle License for Caregiver Volunteers of New Jersey
- 7. #15-102: Resolution re: Participation in Section 1033 Program for Procurement of

Federal Surplus Property

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Request from Manchester Township Recreation to utilize Lake Horicon during their summer camp should Harry Wright lake be closed and for New Logic Educators to hold a weekly science program from June 29-July 3

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF TIHE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK" (#15-04)

RESIGNATIONS:

1. Retirement of Deputy Chief Financial Officer Christine Thorne

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Glenn McComas
To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception
of Council President Oglesby who abstained from voting on the approval for the raffles
licenses for the Borough of Lakehurst Historical Society as he is a member of the
organization and voted in the affirmative for all other matters on the consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION OF 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Gary Lowe To approve resolution #15-103 introducing 2015 Municipal Budget. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Lowe reported that Mr. Winton is looking to replace and add planters downtown for a cost of \$1,000.

Mr. Lowe also reported that two fire department "pumpers" have been repaired with the electrical problem on 6211 being relatively minor.

Mr. Lowe further reported that the brush truck received from the New Jersey State Forest Fire Service is in need of repairs which should be completed utilizing grant money received from the State for such a purpose.

Mayor Robbins stated that he had been approached by the Fire Chief requesting to procure a Humvee which he approved since one of their four wheel drive vehicles was

assigned to the Public Works Department. Mayor Robbins added that the Humvee will not be part of the Borough's rolling stock and any necessary repairs will be paid by the Fire Company.

Councilman Davis stated that initially an emergency strike force was to respond in a weather emergency consisting of police, fire, and first aid personnel.

Councilman Lowe reported that the First Aid Squad would like to install a monument near the flag pole at the Emergency Services Complex.

Councilwoman Busch reported that she met with Mr. Winton who informed her that 2015 snow removal costs were approximately \$10,000. Mrs. Busch added that Mr. Winton has requested to scrap the old water meters. Mrs. Busch further added that beach sand will be placed at Lake Horicon.

Mrs. Busch also reported that Mr. Winton met with an Ocean County Road Department representative concerning poor drainage at Pine and Orchard Streets, with the representative stating that the County was short on manpower but would look into the matter.

Mrs. Busch further reported that seasonal banners and associated hardware would cost \$4,000.

Councilman Lowe reported that Xtreme Cheer group will be practicing outdoors and will not be practicing in the Community Center.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reported that he had received an email commending the actions of the police department.

Council President Oglesby read the following:

Greetings Mayor Robbins,

I am sending this message to inform you of an incident that occurred 4/17/2015 early into the next day. It concerns/deals with the action of Officers on the Lakehurst Police Department.

Let me begin by saying that I am a resident of Plainfield NJ. I was in the egregious position of having an elderly family member missing for a good part of the day into the wee hours of the night which turned into the early morning! My Father in Law is 89 years old, an Army Veteran and unfortunately his mental faculties are not what they use to be!

He was supposed to pick up his daughter (my Wife) from work in Edison, NJ @5:30 pm. Of course when he didn't arrive we were slightly concerned. However, as it became later and later we decided to call the local police department and file a missing persons report.

Well, to make a long story a tad shorter, we received a call from the police informing us of where Mr. Williams was ...Lakehurst! We just about dropped dead! How in the world did he get way down there? At this time it was around 12:15 am or later! As I got myself prepared for the over hour ride, I called my son to accompany me. My Wife spoke with Officer James, as they exchanged statements of un-believe-ability as to how he got way down there (with directions) all of our minds boggled a bit!

Now, to my point, purpose of this email. Giving all of information the public is/has been flooded with concerning race relations between African Americans and law enforcement I must say this: I have never experienced such caring, professionalism, expertise, knowledge of handling a delicate situation as I did when I arrived at the Lakehurst Police Station! The Officers, whose names escape me at the moment (and I must apologize) other than Officer James handled the situation like stone cold veterans of the force! And, may I add they all looked pretty young! I think my sons are older! Everything and especially from the Officer that pulled Mr. Williams over to the tactful suggestion of having him wait in the car so he could explain the circumstances was so appreciated for its tact and concise thoughtfulness! The Officers are a credit not only to your local PD, but to your town, community as a whole and the way of life in your small town. I cannot help to say that those Officers are a credit to not only the afore mentioned but to their respective families!

In closing Mayor Robbins, these are stories that will just don't seem to make the 6 o'clock news! However, these are the acts of kindness that keep our great country together! I am a Marine Corp Veteran, I would've been more than proud to stand shoulder to shoulder anyone of those three Officers! In short Mayor, please pass on my thanks to the Officers I encountered at zero dark thirty (around 2 am or later) that late, evening early morning! It made the hour ride home seem like I drive around the corner! Many, many thanks from myself and family for taking care of loved one! Your PD has made a lasting impression on our family!

Marvan K. Palmer, MSA

New Jersey Veterans Health Care System Ambulatory Care Service

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 8:17 p.m.

Robert Dupree, Chaplain for VFW Post 10061, stated that when delivery trucks attempt to make deliveries at the rear of the Post, vehicles parked on Fays Lane are impeding the ability of the truck driver to access their driveway.

Mayor Robbins stated that he will speak with Police Chief Higgins regarding the matter.

Time closed: 8:21 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Clerk Dugan reads resolution to go into closed session:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, **and**

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lakehurst, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is as follows:

PERSONNEL MATTERS PENDING LITIGATION

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Glenn McComas To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative

Time into closed session: 8:22 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:42 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: James Davis

To end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

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Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Glenn McComas To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:42 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM

Municipal Clerk